

PLATEAU PRECINCT MEETING

Tuesday 24 June 2025, Start 6.30pm

St George Community Housing Common Room

Amherst Street Cammeray

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: 24 people attended the meeting:
LK, KB, PB, MB, CD, CS, P, JT, CH, JA, BF, MZ, AH, KM, CdeJ, BD, SWm, MM, AR, MR,

GUEST SPEAKER: Bo Karaula - Waste Management Co-Ordinator
Shivaan Kumar - Waste Management officer

VISITORS: SW - Secretary of Anzac Precinct
SL - North Sydney Council Administration Support Officer

1 WELCOME TO ATTENDEES

2 GUEST SPEAKERS INTRODUCED:

Bo Karaula:

- NSC employs 4 people waste team and 2 in the recycling center at Artarmon.
- 37,000 Dwellings are serviced with red and yellow bins.
- Current contract with waste management provider expires in 2029,
- The new contracts for waste, processing and disposal, will be let out in 2027. Prior to that council will survey residents on waste disposal needs and preferences.
- North Sydney has large itinerant population and a tenancy rate of 45%, requiring weekly pickup of household or green waste (to limit dumping of rubbish and associated costs).
- Resident surveys confirm preference for fortnightly cleanups.
- Green waste pickups: 110,000 per annum resulting in 23,000 tonnes of material.
- Waste destination: bulky waste sent to landfill apart from scrap metal.
- Previous general waste reduction and recovery schemes were successful in diverting waste from landfill.
- In 2018 EPA set new guidelines for waste separation and reuse, however the process was discontinued due to the presence of microplastics. Now all general waste goes to landfill. Current recovery rate from waste and recycling is 37%. Many Councils including NS will struggle to get to a recovery rate of 55-60%.
- EPA has set recovery target of 80% by 2030, with heavy penalties for noncompliance.
- The 6-month food waste trial in 2022 was initially successful. Participation rate, particularly in high density areas dropped off due to the 'yuk' factor and difficulty of separating rubbish.
- Food waste pickup is unlikely to be included until 2029, however it will be an essential part of waste recovery in the future in order to reach the mandated target.
- Additional waste services: the Bower for pickup of furniture, the Recycle Smart Scheme and the Community Waste Center at Artarmon for items listed on website. The Coal Loader at Artarmon has sustainability information and courses.

SWm: Sticker on bins with list of acceptable items was useful.

Sivaan: coordinator of recycling at Community Waste Center, Artarmon

- NSC manages facility on behalf of Lane Cove, Willoughby, Mosman, Ryde and Hunters Hill
- Facility is open 5 days a week.
- Staffed by 2 people.
- Facility accepts paints, aerosols, batteries, white goods, textiles, e cigarettes, smoke alarms.
- Electrical waste such toasters and small appliances can be left for kerbside pickup service. E-waste must be taken to Artarmon facility.
- The federal government subsidises e-waste recycling while recycling of other small electrical items are paid for by resident rates.
- The lease at Community Recycling Center expires in 2028
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SWm: Q: Is Council making money from green waste service?

BK: A: No, Council does not make money nor is waste a part of the circular economy.

KB: Q: Why is e-waste often picked up from the kerbside by waste contractors?

SK: A: Please contact Council if this happens. Usually, contractors place a sticker on non-acceptable items.

SWm: BBQs are picked up and crushed. How can we make better use of the metal?

Q: Is it possible to get help with heavy loads at the Artarmon Facility?

SB: A: There are time constraints on the 2 workers at the facility who currently handle 100-200 visits per day.

KB: Q: How does NSC waste management compare to other Councils?

BK: A: The demographics of North Sydney and the waste systems are like the City of Sydney Council.

MR Q: How much of waste is food organics waste?

BK: A: About 35% of red bin waste is organic, contributing to green house gas emissions.

Q: Will Council provide a third bin if food organics are introduced?

BK: A: Many multi-dwelling properties do not have space for additional bins. Council must make other provisions in new and existing properties for the collection of food waste. The focus in multi-unit dwellings will be on sorting food from other waste organics.

SWm: Our unit has a worm farm. Should they be encouraged?

BK: A: Yes, but this requires an interested person for system to work efficiently. An incentive for worm farms could be introduced though waste charge will still apply.

MR Q: How will residents be able control fruit flies?

BK: A: Council will provide a 'caddy' container for collection.

BS: There is an opportunity for resource capture from sorting organics from waste but it must be user friendly.

SWm: Q: Can Food waste caddy be attached to General waste bin?

BK: A: Yes, it's possible.

CS: Q: Is it possible to get a smaller red bin?

BS: A: Yes, a 60 Lt is available, but it does not have wheels.

SWm: Speakers thanked.

3 PREVIOUS MINUTES – 22 April 2025

MOTION: The minutes of the general meeting held on 22 April 2025 were confirmed as read and correct. It was noted that the meeting commenced at 6.35pm not 6.30pm.

MOVED BY: SWm

SECONDED BY: KB

4 WHT and WFU

As a member of the Air Quality Committee SWm provided an update on the location of air quality monitors, noting that members of the committee are consulted on relevant matters but are not involved in decision making.

- Air quality will be monitored near the ventilation stack for one year before it's completion and two years after.
- Air filtration of the stack will not be included during construction or after completion because it has not been included for any ventilation stack in the state. Reason: expense.
- Currently one air quality monitor is located near Cammeray Croquet Club. The other, at the suggestion of SWm, will be located at the southern end of Bellevue St. This location will capture air quality in the vicinity of local schools and residences and is also exposed to the prevailing wind conditions.

CdeJ: Q: What does the air quality monitor look like?

SWm: A: Unit is not bigger than a car and fits into the landscape. The units can be seen online or at the Cammeray Croquet Club. The monitor will result in the loss of four car parking spaces. It was agreed at the committee meeting and the CPM that the loss of spaces was acceptable.

CH and KM: Q: What will happen if the results from the Air Quality Monitor are problematic?

SWm: Q: Results will be evaluated against the project Conditions of Approval E2, E26 and 27.

Residents are also taking readings with personal monitors.

Q: Will air quality only be evaluated at the end of three years and what can be done in the meantime?

SWm: A: The EPA will regularly monitor and publish the air quality readings.

MR: Q: Will EPA take notice of readings from personal monitors?

SWm: A: It will depend on the quality of the reading.

CdeJ: Q: Is moving residents out of properties the only option when air quality is poor or are there other measures, like a (noise)wall, to control pollution and noise?

SWm: A: There will be noise and dust for the duration of the WHT work site, however there will be less dust when the WFU is completed. The earth wall is much bigger than originally intended. TfNSW will not commit to the final amount or height of dirt wall.

Noise walls along the WFU section of the works will not be built until 2026.

MZ: Q: What can be done about the dust pollution? How is it being monitored?

SWm: A: A dust monitor is in place.

Q: Does TfNSW have a list of acceptable personal monitors? How are complaints addressed?

SWm: A: Please contact EPA or project team though it appears that complaints from residents are not addressed.

CH: Q: Is there a map of the overall project?

SWm: A: Sections of the work are shown on TfNSW website.

Q: Is it possible to facetime with TfNSW to address issues?

KM: A: Approach TfNSW and read Cammeray Voices

SWm: A: The best approach is to contact TfNSW phone number with specific complaints and always ask for a reference number.

Q: Who is responsible for the noise walls?

SWm: A: The contractor for WFU.

MM: Q: Will there be a noise wall?

SWm: A: There will be a noise wall coming from the Miller Street on ramp and finishing just past the viaduct. It will be approximately 2 storeys high

NB: There was no objection at the meeting to the loss of for car parking spaces at the southern end of Bellevue Street.

Please visit the direct links below for further details.

<https://caportal.com.au/rms/wht>

<https://caportal.com.au/rms/wht/faqs>

<https://caportal.com.au/tfnsw/tunnel-air-quality/tunnels-and-ventilation>

PB: Would Council install a speed hump on Warringah Road north at the approach to the roundabout on Amherst Street.

5 OLYMPIC POOL

SWm and KB: update

- The council employees will operate all facilities at the pool.
- Practical Completion will be at the end of October.
- Fit out of the facilities will be completed 10-12 weeks later.

MM: Q: Is there a proposal for the development of Cammeray carpark?

SWm: A: For now, nothing is proposed on the Council owned carpark. Also, Cammeray is not within the NSW Planning Low to Medium Rise development zone.

6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SL: All positions become vacant at the AGM and nominations are accepted.

SWm was nominated by CH and accepted by MR as Chair of the precinct.

KB stepped down as Secretary. KM nominated by MR as the new Secretary and seconded by SWm.

Meeting ended 7.55pm

Next meeting 26 August 2025

